

TO: Principals and Administrators of Nonpublic Schools
FROM: Jennifer Frank, Director, Federal Programs
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RE: Annual Nonpublic School Registration

Nonpublic schools are asked to submit their annual Nonpublic Registration information through a web-based registration process. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact our office. We will be hosting a Nonpublic webinar on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 1:30 pm and we highly recommend your participation.

The web-based Nonpublic Registration Form will be available by October 1st through the DESE Web Applications web page at <http://desemo.adobeconnect.com/qs7/>. Use the following steps:

- Login to Web Applications with your Web Application user ID and password.
- Under “DESE Web Applications”, choose “Nonpublic Registration Form”.

The information from the Nonpublic Registration forms will be used for the following purposes:

- To prepare a list of economically deprived schools. The teachers in these schools may be eligible for full or partial cancellation of loans they obtained under the Federal Perkins Loans program and the National Direct Student Loans programs.
- To enable nonpublic school participation in one or more federal programs under the Every Student Succeeds Act. These federal programs include: Title I - Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged; Title II.A – Preparing, Training, and Recruiting High Quality Teachers, Principals, and Other School Leaders; and Title III - Language Instruction for English Learners and Immigrant Students, and, Title IV – Student Support and Academic Enrichment.
- Nonpublic count used for Public School Special Education IDEA Part B allocation calculation. IDEA requires school districts to set aside a proportionate share amount of IDEA funds for parentally placed private school students with disabilities.
- To generate nomination applications for the MO Fine Arts Academy and the MO Scholars Academy
- For general statistical purposes related to projecting population shifts, changes in school-age population, etc.

The web-based Nonpublic School Registration must be submitted **no later than Monday, November 30, 2020**. After that date, the public school districts will review the Nonpublic Registrations submitted for their district and will accept or decline information the Nonpublic School has submitted. If any information has been declined, the Nonpublic School will make necessary changes before resubmitting to the public school district.

Title I regulations state that funds for services to nonpublic school children are determined by the number of economically deprived nonpublic school children who reside in Title I participating public schools. Funds to be spent in other Federal Programs are determined by the enrollment counts of nonpublic school children. It is imperative that nonpublic and public school personnel work together to assure that nonpublic enrollment and economic deprivation counts are accurate. This data is essential in the allocation process. Please contact the public Local Education Agency (LEA) if you need assistance in determining geographic boundaries.

Although submission of the Nonpublic Registration form is voluntary, your administrator should give it careful consideration. Under regulations of the State Board of Education, teachers in nonpublic schools that do not report will not be considered for loan cancellation benefits, nor can we allocate funds for services to nonpublic schools under the above-mentioned programs without the appropriate data.

Thank you for your efforts to make Federal Program services available to children enrolled in nonpublic schools. If you have questions regarding the Nonpublic Registration process, please contact my office at (573) 526-3232 or email webreplyfgm@dese.mo.gov.